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1. ECONCOUNS DISCUSSED CONTENTS BOTH MESSAGES WITH JENS CHRISTENSEN (RIBERHOLDT IS OUT OF TWON THIS WEEK) ON OCT. 24-25. CHRISTENSEN AGREES WITH U.S. APPROACH AND SAID DENMARK WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE IN EFFORT WITH NORWEGIANS. HE WAS TOLD NORWEGIANS ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING TWO POSSIBLE RESPONSES IN NOTE TMBELGIUANS ON ADHERENCE TO IEP DUE BY OCT. 29: (A) THAT THEY CAN GIVE NO DIFINITE ANSWER NOW BECAUSE STORTING HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER, OR (B) TO ASK FOR SPECIAL STATUS. CHRISTENSEN SAID HE HAS INSTRUCTED DANISH AMBASSADOR IN OSLO, IF POSSIBLE AFTER CONSULTATION WITHAM-BASSADOR BYRNE, TO CALL ON EITHER FORNMIN OR HIS DEPUTY ON OCT. 25 TO URGE THAT NORWEGIANS CHOOSE FIRST OPTION. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT NORWEGIAN FORNMIN IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE STATEMENT ON IEP TO STORTING ON NOV. 1.

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2. CHRISTENSEN AGREED THAT REMAINDER OF TIME

BEFORE NOV. 18 SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO PRESS NORWEGIANS
TO OPT FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP. HE AGREED THAT
THERE WOULD BE NO VALUE AT THIS TIME IN DILUTING
THIS PRESSURE BY DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS
TO FULL MEMBERSHIP WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE
AVAILABLE.
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